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## WEST VIRGINIA CATTLE INVENTORY

**WEST VIRGINIA -- Cattle inventory** in West Virginia as of January 1, 2004 totaled 380,000 head, down 25,000 head or 6 percent from the January 1, 2003 inventory. **All cows and heifers** that have calved totaled 200,000 head, down 10,000 head or 5 percent from January 1, 2003.

Comparing January 1, 2004 to January 1, 2003: **Beef cows** totaled 186,000 head, down 9,000 head; **milk cows** totaled 14,000, down 1,000 head; **all heifers 500 pounds and over** totaled 65,000 head, unchanged; **beef replacement heifers**, 40,000 head, up 5,000 head; **milk replacement heifers**, 4,000 head, down 3,000 head; **steers 500 pounds and over** at 35,000 head, down 8,000 head; **bulls 500 pounds and over** at 15,000 head, up 1,000 head; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 65,000, down 8,000 head. **Cattle on feed** totaled 5,000 head, down 2,000 head from 2003.

The 2003 **calf crop** totaled 185,000 head, down 5,000 head from the 2002 calf crop.

**UNITED STATES -- All cattle and calves** in the United States as of January 1, 2004, totaled 94.9 million head, 1 percent below the 96.1 million on January 1, 2003. **All cows and heifers** that have calved, at 41.9 million, were down 1 percent from the 42.1 million on January 1, 2003.

Comparing January 1, 2004, to January 1, 2003: **Beef cows** totaled 32.86 million head, down slightly; **milk cows** totaled 8.99 million, down 2 percent; **all heifers 500 pounds and over** totaled 19.3 million, down 1 percent; **beef replacement heifers**, 5.52 million, down 2 percent; **milk replacement heifers**, 4.02 million, down 2 percent; **other heifers**, 9.80 million, down 1 percent; **steers 500 pounds and over** totaled 16.3 million, down 2 percent; **bulls 500 pounds and over** totaled 2.21 million, down 2 percent; **calves less than 500 pounds** totaled 15.2 million, down 2 percent. **Cattle and calves on feed** totaled 13.8 million, up 4 percent.

The 2003 **calf crop** was estimated at 37.9 million head, down 1 percent from 2002. **Calves born** during the first half of the year are estimated at 27.7 million, down 1 percent from 2002.

### *Special Note*

Preliminary 2002 Census data were used in the review process for the 2004 and revised 2003 estimates included in this publication. States requiring 5-year historical revisions may carry a disjointed data series from their current historical data series. January 1, 2003 and prior estimates contained in this publication will be republished in the Cattle, Final Estimates 1999-2003 publication which is scheduled for release on April 30, 2004.